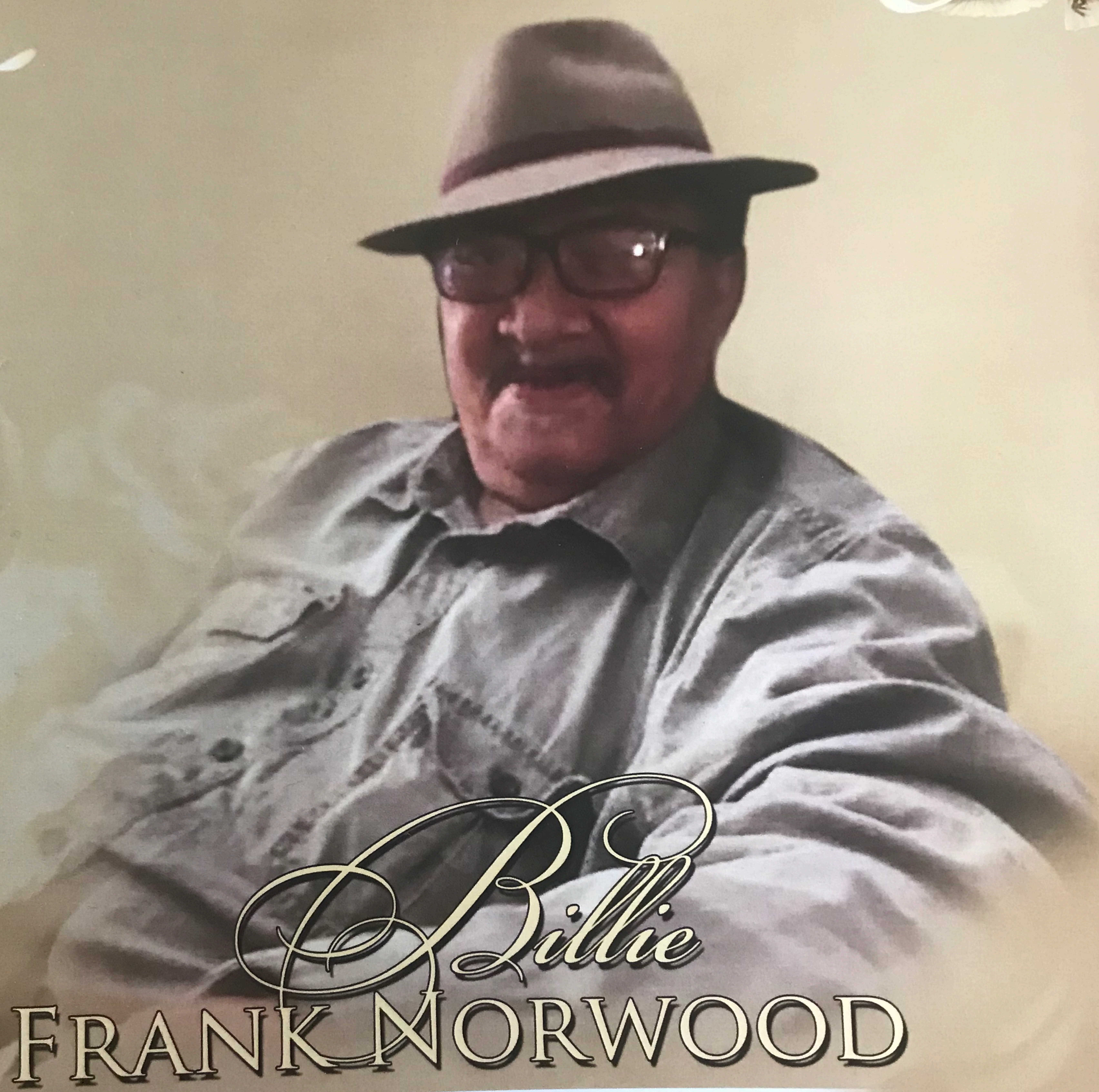


In Loving Memory of



Sunrise: July 14, 1943 – Sunset: July 8, 2020

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM Walk Through Viewing
James H. Cole Home For Funerals, Inc.
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Thursday, July 16, 2020

10:00 AM Private Service
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Obituary

Billie Frank Norwood was born July 14, 1943, to Lillie Mae Norwood and Preston Norwood in Bolivar, Tennessee. He was the third born out of six siblings.

Billie was very meticulous and dependable as a child, always willing and wanting to help out around the house. His dad was a carpenter, so Billie would often be chosen as the lead helper in tending to the farm and babysitting his two little sisters. His parents knew they could count on him to keep the house in order while they were away.

Billie graduated from Bolivar Industrial High School, and later attended Tennessee State College in Nashville. After school, Billie left home with one bag, a bus ticket, and a goal. He came to Michigan looking for work, not only did he find work, but he established a successful career with General Motors, Detroit Gear & Axle. During his times at General Motors, he continued to make positive impacts on lives. There was always a story at Detroit Gear & Axle that someone had to tell that involved Billie Norwood helping them get their job back. He devoted forty-four years of his life to his career, retired, then moved on to the next chapter of his life.

He was drafted into the United States Army, became a sergeant, and served his time honorably. Those times in Vietnam left an imprint in Billie's life, as he would always have an exciting story to share about his experiences.

Billie Norwood's name speaks for itself whenever you hear it. He was a phenomenal man, a true meaning of a hero. Billie was a serious man, but somehow, he always had a smile on his face. When it came to food, grilling was his thing. He took great pride in cooking his ribs, and they had to be done right! Fried chicken & chocolate cake were also some of his favorites. Having the opportunity to share any moment or memory with him was an honor.

If you ever needed someone to help you see the positive side in a situation, Billie was the person to talk to. He gave good advice and he was a good man. If you ever had the pleasure of having a conversation with Billie, it was always unforgettable. You can always take something from one of his conversations. Something useful, something helpful, something real. He showed love to everyone around him, always consistent, always unconditional. He will always be remembered, because he will never be forgotten.

Billie Frank Norwood was preceded in death by his parents, Lillie Mae Norwood and Preston Norwood and three siblings, Mattie Lou Williams, Minnie Mae Jones and his only brother, Charles Norwood.

Billie leaves to mourn his memory, his loving wife, Theresa Norwood whom he married February 11, 2000; children, David Norwood (Mary), Tamika Norwood (Joseph), and Carlos Norwood; stepchildren, Janelle and Angelo; grandchildren, Deasha, Theresa, Daylen, Marcell, and Carlos Jr.; siblings, Ruby Young of Chicago, IL and Ruthie (Sam) McGuire; nieces and nephews, Keith, Melvin, Sandra, Linda, Sharon, Darrel, Andrew, Joanne, JoEtta, Darlene, Charlotte, Shawn, Daryl, Joey, Peter, Raneta, Charles Jr., Cynthia, and Eric; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family and friends that loved him.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Sentiments of Love

Our Motto was: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. We had the Good, we had the Bad and now we have the Ugly.
Your loving wife, Theresa

"I Miss you daddy"

It's so many moments that we shared that I don't have room to list. But the one that sticks out the most is when I was 4 years old. The day you taught me courage & strength. I was always scared to go outside because I was so terrified of the bugs. One day you told me that I was way bigger than the bug and that the bug was probably scared of me. After that, you stepped on the bug for me, and when another came crawling towards me, you showed me how to just step on it! You've been teaching me how to put my foot down from day one. From that day forward, I wasn't scared of anything coming my way. I'm still strong Daddy, and I love you so much.

Your baby girl Tamika

"I'm Gonna Miss You"

Billie was a true hero. He started out as a soldier defending his country, became a dedicated UAW representative defending his union brothers & sisters. He was also the type of dad that would defend his children if they were right or wrong. I never had a chance to tell him that he will always be my hero. And I know that he will continue to be a hero protecting & watching over all of those he loved.

Your daughter Janelle

"Remembering A Brother"

Because he was dear to us, his memory will live on just as the fragrance of a rose still linger when it's gone. In our thoughts and in our hearts, that love for him still lives on and always will.

Ruthie

"I Miss You Papa"

If there are two things that I can say my papa loved, that we had in common, it would be sitting on the porch & eating chocolate cake. One thing that would be impossible to do now is, sit on the porch without thinking about my papa. I remember sitting next to him just talking, sometimes we would even sit in silence. He was my chocolate cake partner in crime! I will love you always & forever papa!

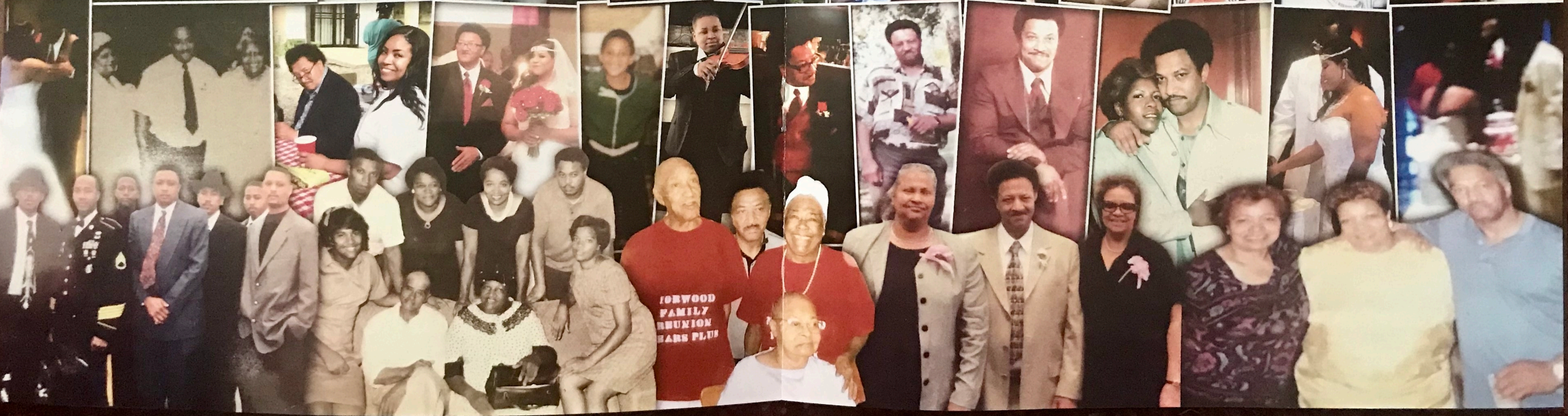
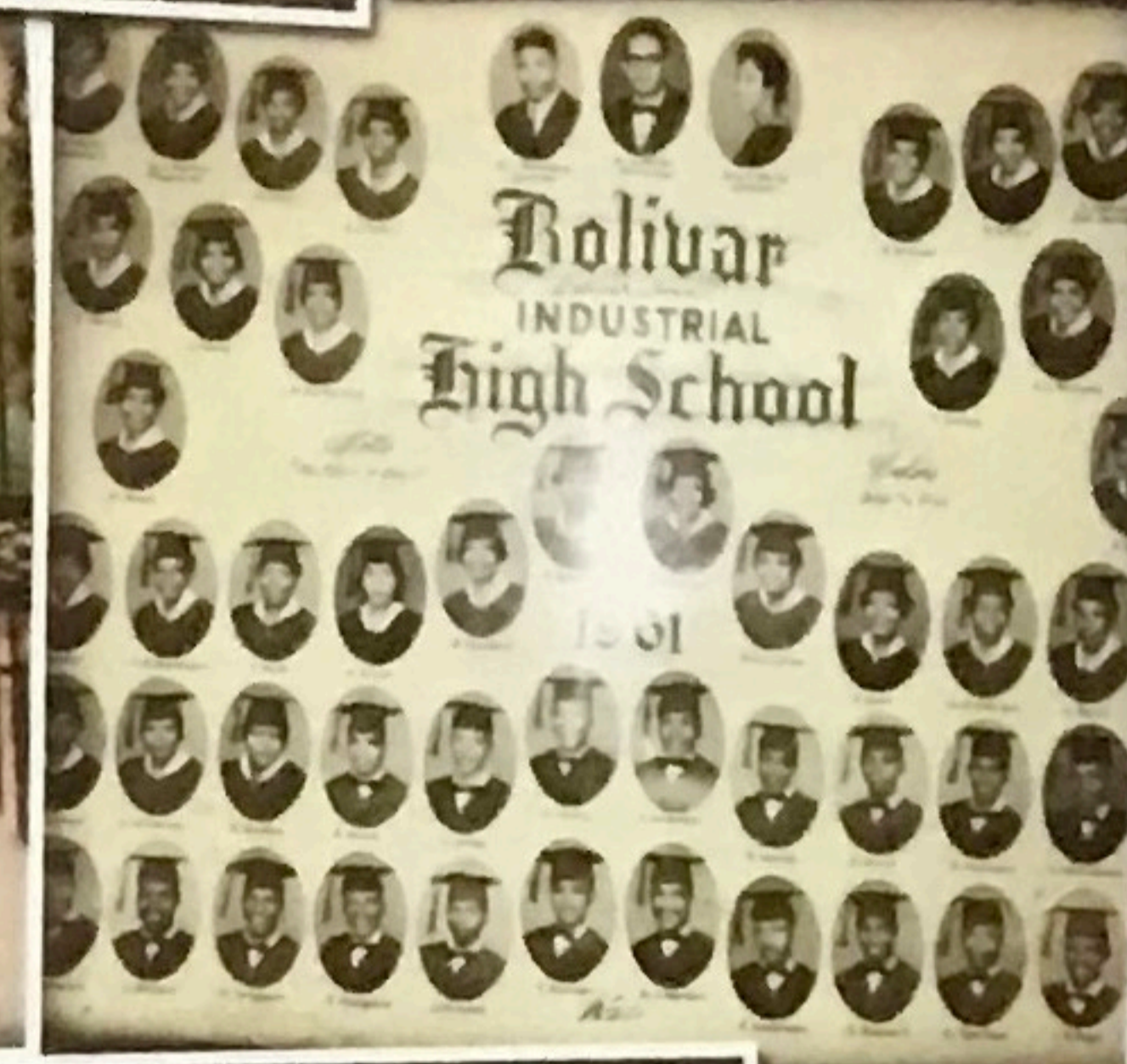
Your granddaughter Lil Theresa

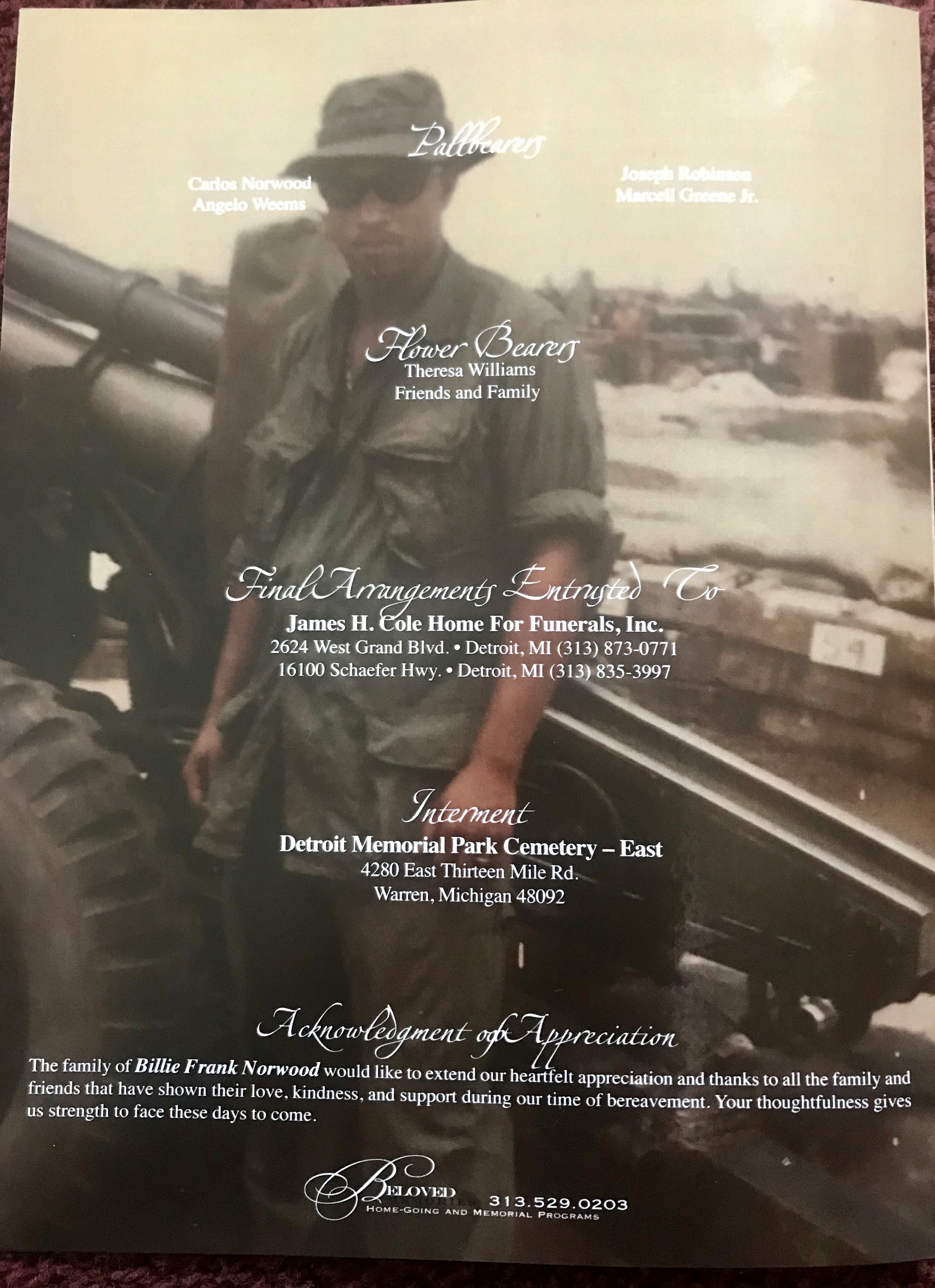
"I Love You Papa"

My papa was one of the best grandfathers ever. I remember when he used to make us breakfast and we would sit on the porch together. We would talk to each other while I was watching cartoons. Rest in peace Papa. You were the best grandfather I could ever have. You will always be in my heart.

Your 1st grandson Marcell







Pallbearers

Carlos Norwood
Angelo Weems

Joseph Robinson
Marcell Greene Jr.

Flower Bearers

Theresa Williams
Friends and Family

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

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Interment

Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery – East
4280 East Thirteen Mile Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48092

Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of **Billie Frank Norwood** would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to all the family and friends that have shown their love, kindness, and support during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness gives us strength to face these days to come.

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